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**VIA ECF & EMAIL**

Honorable Katherine Polk Failla  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

**Re: Zhu et al. v. Hakkasan NYC LLC, et al.  
Case No. 16-cv-5589 (KPF)(SN)**

Dear Judge Failla:

Our firm represents Defendants Hakkasan NYC LLC and Hakkasan Holdings, LLC in the above-captioned action. The Parties have agreed, subject to Court approval, to hold the case in abeyance and engage in settlement negotiations in an attempt to resolve this lawsuit. Without prejudice to Defendants' position or right to file a motion to dismiss and/or compel arbitration of this dispute, we respectfully request that this case be held in abeyance for 60 days. The Parties propose utilizing this 60 day period to engage in limited, informal discovery and settlement negotiations. The requested stay will permit the Parties to dedicate their resources to trying to resolve the case and may obviate the need for formal litigation.

The Parties propose submitting a joint status report to the Court on the outcome of their efforts within 60 days after the Court enters an Order in response to this request. The Parties also respectfully request that the Initial Pretrial Conference scheduled for October 13, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. be adjourned until after the Parties submit the aforementioned joint status report.

We appreciate the Court's attention to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: All counsel of record (via ECF)